Maintenance and setting up of Power Plants by NTPC in other countries

1654. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is eyeing for large scale participation in maintenance and setting up of power plants in other countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with the details of the projects;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NTPC is exploring the possibility of LNG in offshore areas in Gulf and African countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is exploring business opportunities in Operation and Maintenance (O&M) jobs of power stations outside India. NTPC is also envisaging setting up a power project in Sri Lanka. In the process, NTPC team visited Sri Lanka and has sought site-specific reports from Sri Lankan authorities to prepare a detailed proposal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In order to have the variable cost of generation for combined cycle plant(s) comparable to the existing coal-fired station, NTPC is exploring the possibility of sourcing gas/Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Gulf and African countries, so that the delivered cost of gas/LNG at the power plant boundary is around US $ 3 per Million Metric British Thermal Unit (MMBTU). In this context, NTPC is holding dialogues with various coutries in the Gulf Region like Abu Dhabi, Yemen, Oman etc., and with Nigeria in Africa.

Rosa Thermal Power Plant

1655. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of thermal power plants sanctioned by Government during each of the last three years in the country;

(b) the names and details of plants where the work has started;

(c) the present position of Rosa Thermal Power Plant;

(d) whether the Rosa Thermal Power Plant has started working;

(e) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(f) by when, it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) According to the Electricity Act, 2003, the requirement of according Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has been dispensed with for thermal generation.

National Thermal Power Corporation being a Navratna Company does not require investment approval of the Government in respect of power projects being executed by them.

The following thermal power projects of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation were accorded investment approval by the Government as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/State	Capacity (MW)	Date of investment approval	Project Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Neyveli Thermal Power Station-II Expansion/ Tamil Nadu.	2x250	8th October, 2004	2030.78
2.	Barsingsar Power Project/Rajasthan	2x125	15th December, 2004	1114.18

(c) to (f) The commissioning time of the Rosa Power Project in Private Sector is estimated to be 40 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Award by the promoters, who are yet to achieve financial closure for their project.

Demand and Supply of Power in the country

†1656. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand and supply of power in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.